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The Honorable Charles L. A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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Re: Application of Midlands Utility, Incorporated for Extension of Sanitary
Sewer Service Area to Include Empire Estates Phase III
Docket No. 2006-36-S

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") respectfully requests that the Commission grant ORS a period of 90 days to investigate Midlands Utility, Inc.'s ("Midlands") application in the above-referenced matter. ORS opposes Midlands' request that the Commission's notice requirements be waived. It is the position of ORS that notice as required by 26 S.C. Code Regs. 103-504 should be provided in this matter.

Thank you very much for your consideration of our request.

Very truly yours,

Wendy B. Cartledge

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